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the power for most Resolutions that we've passed or already there, and I haven't done the research to go back through all of them, but I am sure they can be done with or without the Legislature from time to time because a Resolution carries no statutory impact. So, again, I would yield at this time to Senator Duis or Senator Clark to familiarize me with the basic arguments against it so that the direction might be more clear to me.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you, Senator Lewis, for letting me speak because I think you've entirely got the wrong grasp of this. I wasn't objecting to it. I'm supporting it. I, merely, was trying to put the situation in focus as to how we were.how we when we wanted a state office building, we were fought for about two years for wanting to have this state office building and now we are asked to pass a Resolution to support. Sometimes a consolidation.I'm for the consolidation up there. I'm going to vote for this. I don't think you kind of got the weaver out.

SENATOR LEWIS: I guess maybe I was slow. Sometimes it is hard to tell who your friends are.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Clark, then Senator Carpenter. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: For Frank Lewis' edification here, I don't give a darn what you do in Omaha as far as consolidating. I think it'd be a good idea. I think it'd be a real mistake if they bought the First National Bank building. They can't buy it anyway without the authority, but they've got the authority now to lease anything they want to. How do you think they got the buildings they have up there? They've had this. They have had the authority to lease them. They can lease them. You don't even need the Resolution. They can lease any building they want to up there. I don't even know what the purpose of the Resolution is but I don't want to construe that I'm against them consolidating the offices in Omaha. I think it is fine if they do that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, do you want to respond?

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, you know that's the point I was trying to get at. Again with Resolutions, and I would say again that they carry absolutely no impact and there is already authority to do things, the purpose of the Resolution, generally, is to give a direction of how the Legislature feels about a particular thing and I would think that if you went through every Resolution, you would see the same thing. It has no statutory affect. Sometimes it's authority to do something. Sometimes there is not. There is one, for instance, on the heighth of Safety Patrol. Now the Safety Patrol and the Executive Branch already have the choice of how high or how wide or whatever they want to do with the Safety Patrol, yet this Legislature has that to give the direction. And I simply think this is a reaffirmation on the part of the Legislature. We are interested in saving money. We are interested in consolidation and we want to see better service to the taxpayers of Omaha and I think that's the purpose and I think its a fine purpose and I think the Resolution ought to be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Just to answer Senator Duis. Unless I've been badly misinformed, in 1974 we are going to have an election.

PRESIDENT: Well, now, Senator Duis, is that...